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RE. Prioritization of Treatability Studies

Dear Mr Schassburger

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The Colorado Department of Health, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (the Division), and the Environmental Protection Agency Region VIII, have recently met with your staff to express the agencies expectations for activities performed under the Sitewide Treatability Studies Program. This letter serves to formally document our objectives by prioritizing those studies we require DOE to complete within the original three year window stipulated by Section XI of the IAG

The agencies recognize the moving target nature of technology development; as such, we are giving DOE credit for and likewise requiring DOE to complete, studies that were not in the approved Final Treatability Studies Plan. This compromise reflects current discussions among the parties and attempts to satisfy the data needs of the lead Operable Units as they enter their own Feasibility Studies. Please note that although individual studies are being changed there is no increase in the number of studies we are requiring DOE to complete.

We are crediting the completion of the following studies TRU-Clean, soil washing, plasma melter (stabilization) and the EPA SITE Demo (microfiltration). We are requiring DOE to complete by the November 12 1994 deadline, the following studies in order of priority

1) Radionuclides/metals in soils

Magnetic Separation

Chemically Enhanced Steam Stripping

Solvent Extraction Physical Separation

2) Radionuclides/metals in water

Adsorption Ion Exchange TRU-Clear

Organics in soil

Bioremediation

We are also requiring the submittal of a workplan for the multiple stabilization technologies by the November date. Several of the studies listed above will provide suitable concentrated sidestreams for stabilization studies.

Additionally as the studies are completed within this time period, we require informal presentations of the data as soon as they are available. However this does not relieve DOE of its responsibility to ultimately submit a formal report on the results of each study

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The scope of this effort is limited to DOE's obligations under the original Final Treatability Studies Plan, as amended by this letter Previous correspondence has clarified our position on the origin and applicability of the November 12, 1994 data. DOE's past performance under this program is responsible for creating this action, and DOE's success in meeting this letter's requirements will be a major consideration in decisions about the overall program in November

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please call Dave Norbury (CDH) or Arturo Duran (EPA) at 692-3415 or 294-1080, respectively

Sincerely

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